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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

INFO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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SUBJECT: BOHICON-PARAKOU MICROWAVE LINK: 625-H-001

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO; NIAMEY FOR RDO; DEPT FOR AID/W

1. HOTVEDT, AID/W, AND MAU, ADO NIAMEY, MET 31 OCTOBER WITH GOUNONGBE, DEPUTY GENERAL OF PTT AND D'OLIVERA, TRANSMISSION ENGINEER, TO DETERMINE STATUS OF AID PROJECT AND CURRENT PHILLIPS MICROWAVE OPERATIONS.

2. NOTIFICATION TO TWO AMERICAN ENGINEERING CONSULTING FIRMS EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR THE DELAY HAS NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THIS NOTIFICATION IS A CONDITION OF THE LOAN EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 12, 1973. RECOMMEND REDSO PREPARE OFFICIAL LETTER PER ADAMS-AMBASSADOR-SCHOONOVER CONVERSATION IN COTONOU OCTOBER 15. SCHOONOVER SHOULD PLAN DELIVER LETTER WHEN IN COTONOU NEXT WEEK. NOTE: GOUNONGBE STATED ADOUN, PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF CABINET, NO LONGER IN THE GOVERNMENT.

3. DEPUTY DIRECTOR STATED THEIR DECISION TO SELECT CONTRACTOR WOULD BE DEDDRRED UNTIL AFTER THE GENEVA AFDB/ITU MEETING NOVEMBER 19-20. WHEN CONTRACTOR SELECTION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, REDSO AND AID/W APPROVALS WERE EXPLAINED AND THE SHORT TIME REMAINING, IT WAS STILL THEIR VIEW THAT THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DECEMBER 12.

4. POSITION OF AFDB WAS REVIEWED AS DISCUSSED WITH SAKKAF,
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TEGEGAN AND HOTVEDT IN ABIDJAN, AND THE BANK VIEWS THAT

ASSIGNMENT AND FUNDING OF BOHICON-PARAKOU LINK IS A FAIT ACCOMPLI AND THAT THE DAHOMEANS SHOULD PROCEED ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION IMMEDIATELY. FOR POTTER, AFDB: REQUEST TETEGAN FORWARD CABLE CONFIRMING ABOVE TO COTONOU AS HE PROMISED IF WE CONSIDERED IT DESIRABLE.

5. STATUS OF PHILLIPS MICROWAVE EFFORT: LINK BETWEEN COTONOU AND BOHICON COMPLETELY INSTALLED. FINAL TESTING NOW UNDER WAY. ANTICIPATE ACCEPTANCE AND CUT-OVER TO REST OF SYSTEM IN SIXTY DAYS.
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